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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS ISSUE

PRINCIPAL POINT OF INTEREST IN MY COURTESY CALL
OF OCTOBER 23 ON OAU ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY GENERAL
ETEKI MBOUMOUA WAS HIS STATEMENT THAT "WE" (PRESUMABLY
MEANING THE OAU) WOULD BE HAPPY WITH A SECURITY COUNCIL
DECISION TO SUSPEND SOUTH AFRICA. HE COMMENTED THAT
THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAD BEEN SEEKING EXPULSION BUT
THAT THIS WAS A TACTICAL MOVE AND THAT SUSPENSION
WOULD BE ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY. ETEKI EXPRESSED
DOUBT, HOWEVER, WHETHER A SECURITY COUNCIL DECISION
FOR EITHER EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION WOULD MATERIALIZE.
HE HOPED THAT A DECISION TO EXPEL OR SUSPEND WOULD
HAVE SUFFICIENT IMPACT ON THE VIEWS OF LIBERAL WHITES
IN SOUTH AFRICA SO THAT POLICY MODIFICATIONS MIGHT
FOLLOW.
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